

CLAUDIA ELLIOTT

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1. EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, Brown University, 1999

Fields: Comparative Politics and International Relations

The Negotiation of Political Representation: Crisis and Democratization in Latin America.

Chair: Thomas Biersteker

Based on the comparative-historical analysis of two of Latin America's long-standing political systems (Mexico and Venezuela, 1958-1998), this study explores the complex processes underlying a "crisis of representation"—the breakdown of established systems of political mediation that occurs when formal institutions cannot renegotiate their agenda in the face of new social and political demands. Emerging political trends, I argue, are not the result of poor leadership, legacies, or institutional weaknesses as current theories claim. Rather, they are part of an all-encompassing struggle over the very means and meaning of representation—a process that transforms institutions over time. Institutional renegotiation is thus key to democratic stability.

M.A. Political Science, Brown University, 1991

Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations

M.A. Latin American Studies, University of Texas-Austin, 1985

Fields: Government, International Business

Thesis: *Foreign Investment Risk and Opportunity: Venezuela, October 1984*

Thesis: *An Assessment of Foreign Exchange Revenue: Mexico's Maquiladora Industry, 1966-1993*

B.A. Latin American Studies (Honors), University of Texas-Austin. 1980

Major: Latin American Literature, Minor: Government

2. TEACHING AND ADVISING

2013 Sr. Lecturer, International and Public Affairs, Brown University

Faculty Fellow, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs

2007-2013 Lecturer, International Relations, Brown University

IR Honors Thesis Seminar: Qualitative research methods and writing course for undergraduates seeking an honors degree in International Relations (since 2001)

2012 (spring) Lecturer, Political Science Department, Brown University

Introduction to Comparative Politics (Core course, IR and Political Science)

2003-2007 Adjunct Lecturer, International Relations, Watson Institute, Brown University

Honors Thesis Preparation Seminar and IR Concentration Advisor

2003 (spring) Adjunct Assistant Professor, Political Science Department, Brown University

Latin American Politics: Authoritarianism and Democratization

- 2001-2003 Adjunct Faculty, Department of History and Social Sciences. Bryant College
Latin American Politics
Introduction to Comparative and World Politics
Government and Society in America
- 2001-2003 Teaching Associate in International Studies, Watson Institute, Brown University
 Created thesis seminar, redesigned and administered IR honors program, International Relations Concentration Advisor.
- 2000-2001 Visiting Scholar in International Studies, Watson Institute, Brown University
- 1991-1993 Teaching Assistant. Political Science Department, Brown University
Introduction to Comparative Politics
Politics of Divided Societies
Middle East Politics

Directed Research Committees (Honors theses)

Primary Thesis Advisor

- 2015 “Negative Soft-Power in Context: Explaining Cross-National Variations in Chinese Soft Power in Latin America”
- “Modeling” Social Welfare Design: A Comparative Study of Conditional Cash Transfer Programs—Mexico, Brazil, and Uruguay”
- “Political Context, Public Arts Programs, and Social Change: Comparing Venezuela’s Fundación Musical Simón Bolívar (El Sistema) and Chile’s Fundación de Orquestas Juveniles E Infantiles”
(Samuel C. Lamport Prize for best senior thesis in international understanding)
- 2014 “Economic Crisis, *Political* Protest: Explaining 2011 Spain Through a Comparative Analysis of Three Economic Crises in the Post-Franco Period” (Political Science Dept.)
- 2013 “From Consensus to Crisis: The Unraveling of the Spanish Transition, 1975-2012” (IR)
(Mark and Betty Garrison Prize—best thesis in IR, foreign policy, or diplomatic history)
- 2010 “Closing the Global Gender Gap: Explaining the Rise of Female Executives in Latin America” (IR)

Second Reader

- 2015 “Islamic Immigration, Sex Trafficking, and the Media: The Implications of Racialized and Gendered Trafficking Discourses in the Netherlands”
- 2013 “Explaining Social Inclusion Policies: Emerging Processes in the Case of Brazil” (IR)
 Awarded Samuel C. Lamport Prize for best thesis on international understanding
- 2006 “Reconceptualizing Power: Society, Ideas, and Government Change in Chile and Argentina” (IR)
- 2005 “Democratic Consolidation and Agenda-Setting: Muslim Civil Society Organizations and the State in Senegal” (IR)

Independent Study Projects, Faculty Mentor

- 2015 “Cyber Security Legacies: Government Formation of Cyber Strategy in Panama and Argentina, 1995-2015”
- “Social Media, Women’s Issues, and Authoritarian Regimes: The Cases of China and Iran”
- 2014 “Leading the Counter-Revolutionaries: A Political Entrepreneur Framework of Counter-insurgency”
- 2013 “Electoral Reform and Democratization in the Middle East”
- 2012 “Globalization and the Level of Violence in Venezuela, 1988-2010”
- 2011 “Democratic Transitions and the Environment: A Cross-Regional Study”
- 2010 “Entrepreneurship and Development in Argentina”
- 2010 “An Uncommon Burden: Aid, Resettlement, and Refugee Policy in Syria”

Advising

- 2013-2015 Concentration and Honors Advisor, Director of Undergraduate Studies (DUS), International Relations Program
Advise 250 undergraduates on course selection and planning, undergraduate research, language acquisition, study abroad, and post-Brown opportunities as part of a concentration in International Relations (a multidisciplinary program designed around two tracks: security and society, and political economy and society); direct and teach in the Honors program in International Relations; advise students on thesis proposals and independent research; select students for IR academic achievement awards and thesis prizes; select delegates to prestigious student conferences; write recommendations for language and research fellowships and top-tier graduate schools and professional programs; mentor students for Fulbright and Carnegie Junior Peace Fellowship applications; meet with prospective students sent by Office of International Advancement; oversee website and all IR Program materials; supervise weekly electronic newsletter of announcements/events/student opportunities; supervise IRDUG undergraduate group; work closely with the office of the Dean of the College.
- 2015 First-Year Advisor, Brown-RISD Dual Degree Program
- 2012-2015 Sophomore Advisor
- 2013-2014 Brown Capstone Advisor, Brown-RISD Dual Degree Program

3. ADMINISTRATION

- 2010-2015 Associate Director, International Relations Program, Brown University
- 2013-2014 Interim Director, International Relations Program, Brown University
- 2007-2010 Assistant Director, Academic Programs, Watson Institute for International Studies

IR Program Development

Make decisions central to daily administration and curricular reform and organization of IR Program: course planning, hiring of temporary/visiting faculty; approve course proposals, initiate and implement curriculum changes for the IR concentration; write proposals and reports to the DOC and represent IR Program on committees; write, design website and IR Program materials; created and supervise student database and statistical database of IR Program; wrote upgraded job description for IR Program manager/web developer; supervise full-time program manager/web developer for International Relations, part-time student assistant, and IRDUG; created and supervise weekly electronic IR Program Newsletter; created IR honors thesis seminar and direct Honors Program, initiated electronic honors thesis repository and capstone catalogue.

Related Committee Reports

Committee on International Relations and Development Studies, 2010 (Dean of the College), resulting in a more rigorous curriculum and advising structure, Brown University

International Relations Concentration: Self Evaluation for CCC Review, Feb. 2009—96 pages, including a 20-year statistical overview.

The Watson Institute: Research, Teaching, and the IR and DS Concentrations: Report of the Undergraduate Teaching Committee: Keith Brown (chair), Peter Andreas, Gianpaolo Baiocchi, Claudia Elliott, and Nina Tannenwald (January 12, 2009).

4. PUBLICATIONS AND LECTURES

“Party Politics After the Third Wave.” Discussant. New England Political Science Association, 8-10 November, 2001, Philadelphia, PA.

“Political Representation in Changing Societies: Latin America’s Long-Standing Regimes.” Paper presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association, 9-11 November 2000, Albany, NY.

“The Crisis and Negotiation of Representation in Venezuela.” Invited paper presented at *Crisis or Crossroads? An Interdisciplinary Conference on Contemporary Venezuela*. Harvard University, 10-11 March 2000.

“Political Representation and Democratization in Latin America.” Invited Lecture. Providence College, Providence, Rhode Island, 15 November 1999.

Gabriel García Márquez and the Powers of Fiction (co-editor with Julio Ortega). Austin: University of Texas Press. 1988.

5. FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Nominated, Karen T. Romer Award for Excellence in Advising. Brown, University (2010, 2013).

Commitment to Teaching Recognition. Sheridan Center, Brown University (2008, 2009 2010).

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars Latin American Program and Fundación Gran Mariscal de Ayacucho (Caracas, Venezuela) Dissertation Fellowship, 1994-95

Massachusetts Council of the Arts. Translation Award for Fiction (Spanish to English), 1988.

6. ONGOING RESEARCH and TEACHING INTERESTS

- “Democratization as Metaphor.” Intellectual history of democratization scholarship (as freshman or sophomore seminar and potential article)
- Transitions Theory, Critical Transitions, Adaptive Cycle Theory
- Comparative Democratization and Electoral Reform: Cross-regional Case Comparisons
- Latin American Politics: Mexico, Venezuela, Cuba, China in Latin America, Venezuela-Cuba-US

7. RESEARCH TRIPS

Casa de las Américas and Asociación Hermanos Saíz (AHS), Havana, Cuba. 2010, 2011, 2012, 2016
Preliminary research on regime transition at CASA, the Cuban government’s research institution of Caribbean and Latin American Studies and AHS, organization for cultural and intellectual promotion. Also held meetings with faculty, administrators, and Brown students on the Brown in Cuba Study Abroad Program.

International Visitor, Mexico. Federal Electoral Institute (IFE). 2 July 2000 Federal Elections.
First alternance in political power at the presidential level in 71 years.

International Visitor, Mexico. Federal Electoral Institute (IFE). 6 July 1997 Federal Elections.
First time mayor of Mexico City was elected by direct vote, resulting in an opposition victory.

Dissertation Research. Caracas, Venezuela. Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, 1994-95

Research Scholar. El Colégio de México, México, Summer 1992

8. UNIVERSITY SERVICE, Brown University

Faculty Governance

- 2015-2017 Committee on Academic Standing and CAS Executive Group
Responsible for actions concerning undergraduate academic status, making exceptions to Faculty Rules, advising administrative officers on academic programs, making recommendations to the Faculty to ensure fulfillment of policies set by the Faculty.
- 2004-2007 College Curriculum Council (CCC), Office of the Dean of the College
Reviews curricular offerings to ensure that academic standards and the goals of the undergraduate curriculum are met.
- 2004-2007 CCC Screening Sub-committee
Reviews course proposals and develops guidelines for new course proposals.

Committees

- 2015 Dean of the College Advising Working Group
Discuss improvements to the advising system at Brown
- 2014-2015 Editorial Collective, *Studies in Comparative International Development* (SCID),
Watson Institute for International Studies
- 2008-2015 Fulbright Fellowship Mentor and Selection Committee
- 2007-2015 Carnegie Endowment for Peace Junior Fellowship Mentor and Selection Committee

2001-2015	Faculty Teaching Liaison for International Relations <i>Harriet W. Sheridan Teaching and Learning Center</i>
2014	Watson Institute Undergraduate Fellows selection committee
2012-2013	ASK Advising System Advisory Board (Dean of the College) <i>Develop advising portfolio and degree clearance functionality of online advising system</i>
2007-2013	Center for Latin American Studies Faculty Advisory Committee
2006-10, 2013	Brown LINK Award Program (formerly BIAP) Selection Committee, <i>CareerLAB</i> . <i>Select financial assistance recipients for unpaid or low-paying career-related summer internships</i>
2013	Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS) selection committee for the Cogut Visiting Professorship, Sarmiento Fellowship, and Cogut Graduate Fellowship
2012	Focus Group for Committee on Re-Imagining the Brown Campus and Community <i>Charged by the Provost to examine academic space needs and community cohesion</i>
2011	Theories in Action Selection Committee, Dean of the College <i>Campus wide conference for capstone projects and thesis work</i>
2010	IR Curricular Development Committee, Dean of the College <i>Interdisciplinary committee to strength IR curriculum and advising</i>
2008-2009	Swearer Center/Watson Institute International Summer Fellowships Selection Committee
2007-2008	Office of International Programs Latin America/Caribbean Advisory Group
2006	Institutional Review Board Working Group <i>Interdisciplinary group aimed at enhancing communication with faculty and undergraduates across the disciplines regarding the use of human subjects research.</i>
Other	
2015+	Mentor, Brown Univ Junior Faculty Mentoring Program, Dean of the Faculty Office
2007-2015	Brown Office of International Advancement: Meet with prospective IR concentrators by request of Advancement Office
2007-2015	Office of International Programs: Meet with representatives from universities with study abroad arrangements with Brown: Chinese University of Hong Kong, and Trinity College Dublin (2012-13), Brown in Spain (Barcelona and Granada (2014) to discuss curricular possibilities and mutual benefits
2013	Concentration Workshop Event Curricular Resource Center and the Matched Advising Program for Sophomores

- 2013 Brown-in-Barcelona, visited campuses of popular study abroad program
- 2010 Brown-in-Cuba: Met in Havana, Cuba, with faculty, administrators, and students
- 2010 Faculty Panel at Meiklejohn Fall Orientation

9. COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 1995 Henry Barnard School, Rhode Island College, Providence, RI
Wrote proposal (implemented in 1995—present) to integrate the teaching of Spanish language (grades K-6) into the curriculum at the Henry Barnard Elementary School, laboratory school in the Feinstein School of Education and Human Development, Rhode Island College.

10. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT and RELATED EXPERIENCE

- 2015 Endnote workshop (Library), Webinars: NVivo, NVivo and Endnote, Improving your Literature Review, How to Attract Hispanic Donors, Closing the Skills Gap, Building Strong Ties with Wealthy Donors; ITSF@ Brown monthly meetings (Instructional Technology Support for Faculty at Brown) on various topics, including Canvas, Lecture and Personal Capture; Personal meeting with CIT instructional designer to discuss programs for using the Tablet in the classroom (specifically for the IR Honors seminar); Academic Technology (AT) Demo Series: Wireless Display and Sharing
- 2014 Zotero Workshop (Library); Academic Technology (AT) Democ Series: Adobe Connect and WebEX (CIS); Fundraising: Build Strong Ties with Wealthy Donors (webinar, Chronicle of Philanthropy)
- 2013 “Stimulating Innovation with E-Portfolios.” *Using e-portfolios to promote critical reflection in programs such as service learning, academic internships, student employment, and undergraduate research* (webinar)

Building an Imagined Future: Teaching as Architecture Sheridan Center for Learning and Professional Development. *US Professor of the Year, Steven Volk, Oberlin College*
- 2010-12Canvas Orientation and Training (2012), Canvas Content Strategies and Course Design (2012), BrownSites Basics and Start Up—intro to new university web template and content management system (2012) CIS Training: Website Management (2010, 2011), Filemaker Series (2010), MyCourses Basics (2010)
- 2009 Faculty Seminar Series: Global Governance and International Law, Watson Institute

Faculty Seminar: Electronic Teaching Evaluations, Sheridan Center
- 2007 Faculty Seminar: Feedback that Improves Student Writing, Sheridan Center
- 2006 Teagle Foundation Conference: The Values of the Open Curriculum: An Alternative Tradition in Liberal Education, Brown University: *Participation and White Paper by Amherst, Antioch, Hampshire, New College, Sarah Lawrence, Smith, Wesleyan, Brown.*

1990 Grant proposal preparation and conference organizer, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute: Early Latin American Texts, Brown University

1987 Council of the Americas, Americas Society, New York
Intern for organization, established in 1965 by David Rockefeller, that promotes understanding of economic, political, and cultural issues in the Americas.

11. LANGUAGES

Spanish Fluent
Portuguese Proficient
French/Italian Reading

12. PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association (Sections: Comparative Politics, Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Comparative Democratization)

Latin American Studies Association (Sections: Political Institutions, Cuba, Mexico, Venezuelan Studies, Scholarly Research and Resource Section)

International Studies Association (Sections: Comparative Interdisciplinary Studies, International Security Studies, Theory)

Journal of Democracy, Comparative Politics, Chronicle of Higher Education: subscriber

13. REFERENCES

Nina Tannenwald
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Brown University
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Mark Blyth
Professor of Political Science
Director, International Relations and Development Studies Programs, 2010-2013
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Professor of Political Science
Director, International Relations Program, 2007-2010
Brown University
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Linda J. Cook
Professor of Political Science
Director, International Relations Program 2001-2002
Brown University
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Thomas J. Biersteker, Dissertation Chair
Curt Gasteyger Professor in International Security
Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva, Switzerland
Director, Watson Institute for International Studies, 1995-2006
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Brown University Administration

Katherine Bergeron, former Dean of the College
Maud Mandel, Dean of the College
Chris Dennis, Deputy Dean of the College
Kathleen McSharry, Assoc. Dean of Curriculum and Writing
Linda Dunleavy, Assoc. Dean of the College for Fellowships and Pre-Law
Kendall Brostuen, Director of International Programs, Assoc. Dean of the College